

- [54] **VISIBLE CLIPBOARD FOR GRAPHICAL COMPUTER ENVIRONMENTS**
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Text, graphics, or other selected objects of a computer screen are selected and converted into a "visual clipboard" which is attached to a convenient boundary of the screen. The visible clipboard is preferably implemented on a pen-based computer system where the object is selected by a stylus, is dragged to a boundary, and is converted to a clipboard icon at the boundary. Multiple clipboard icons may be produced by the user, and can be moved from one boundary location to another. The contents of the clipboard can be inserted or "pasted" into an application program by dragging the clipboard icon with the stylus to the desired insertion location. Preferably, each clipboard is provided with indicia representative of the contents of the clipboard.

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